



Headteacher Newsletter

Believe in yourself, Value others, Be proud of your achievements, Smile, Shine, Be happy.



Welcome to the June Newsletter. We hope that you are all well and that whether your child is back in school or continuing to learn from home that you are finding the support helpful.

We find ourselves in a bit of limbo with some children returning to school and some continuing their learning from home. As I have said in my Class Dojo posts, we are doing everything that we can to make school as safe as we can but it is by no means safe. We continue to be very cautious and update ourselves daily with updates from the Government and Local Authority. I think many think that the virus has finished, but it is far from over. We must

all be very cautious as we make small changes and steps towards a new normal. Please make sure that you all continue to follow Government guidance and keep your distance from others, keep strict hygiene measures in place and only go out if necessary. I know we are now able to meet with others outside of the household but please remember this is not without restrictions and you should still take every precaution. I think there is still quite a way to go before we will get back to some semblance of the normal that we once knew so please do not put yourselves or your family at any added risks if you can help it. I have heard about some mass gatherings being planned in and around Peterborough, please be careful. If you attend these gatherings and your child is in school, you are not just endangering your own family but that of others and staff in school too. Please help us to look after everyone in our community. We have done so well up until now so let's keep it going.



I think we can all agree that Class Dojo continues to be an incredible resource as we have managed to keep in direct contact with all of our families. Please continue to use this as your first means of contact with the staff. Even those that are now in school will check it daily but we do have some allocated teachers working from home who can assist more readily. This week I

posted out to ask about feedback from you all about what you think has gone really well during this time. Thank you all so much for your wonderful comments. They have lifted everyone's spirits knowing that everyone's efforts are appreciated.

This week we have seen the return of some of our reception pupils. Mrs. Lloyd and the team have been blown away by how well the children have come into school and settled to their new normal. They have done really well at keeping their distance, keeping up their handwashing and following their strict timetables. Well done Reception. Next week we welcome back Year 1 on Monday followed by some Year 6 pupils on Wednesday. Thank you parents for being patient with us and following guidance and instructions as we work to make drop off and pick up as safe as we can. We are continuing to evaluate our practice so please bear with us if we have to make changes or adaptations. Please remember to be here on time as this is particularly important as we welcome further children into school.



We are continuing with our Key Worker bubbles and a new round of applications will open next week. Just a reminder that these bubbles are currently full and this round is to be added to the waiting list as currently we cannot accommodate any further children. Dependent on the Government guidance in the near future and as we open up further bubbles in school we will continue to update you as the situation changes.



It feels a very strange time in school, at a time when we are normally in the midst of many trips and visitors in school for obvious reasons we have had to postpone or cancel our events. I know lots of you have been asking about refunds and they will come in due course for visits that are unable to take place but luckily the majority we have been able to move until the new academic year. Again more information will follow regarding this. Alongside this we will have to think differently about our sports days, arts week and transition days as these will look and be very different but we hope we can still do some sort of activities that relate in the meantime.

In our Zoom staff meetings, some things are coming up again and again and that is how fantastic you have all been at doing your learning at home and sharing it with us. All of the staff have loved seeing your updates and pictures as you navigate through this period. A big clap to all of the parents and carers who are doing their best to carry on with learning at home even if it is just an hour a day. We know how hard it can be and we will continue to support you as best as we can so don't be scared to message your class teachers if you are starting to run out of ideas!



This will be the new normal for a while and although we are missing our children and families very much, we know that it is the best thing for our community to continue to ensure we are all safe and well. Please continue to look after one another and give all of the children a big cuddle from us all. We are so proud of our Team Southfields and that includes all of the children and families too.

Much love to you all,

Mrs. Martin and the Southfields Team xx

Important dates for your diary

Academic Dates 2020-21

Autumn Term

Monday 7th September - opens
26th to 30th October - Half Term
Friday 18th December - ends

Spring Term

Monday 4th January 2020 - opens
15th to 19th February - Half Term
Friday 26th March - ends

Summer Term

Tuesday 13th April - opens
Monday 3rd May - Bank Holiday
31st May to 4th June - Half Term
Tuesday 20th July - ends



BIRTHDAYS IN JUNE

Isla, Arber, Callum, Emma, Jorryn, Ella, Avika, Tyler, Riley, Luca, Sonny, Kenny, Emilia, Ella, Faith, Wiktorija Monika, Aston, Jasmine, Isobel, Briony, Georgia-May, Millie, Safar, Carys, George, Risha, Annelise, Antoni, Omotayo, Isla Rose, Logan, Mckenzie, Charlie, Sebastian, Adam, Simone, Mateus, Kristers, Rico, Jasmine, Dominykas and Alisha.